

# 7,000 Acres Up for Lease At Arsenal

Opportunities available to farmers for leasing government-owned land at the Joliet Arsenal for livestock grazing purposes will be explained at a meeting to be held at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19, in the Elwood unit of the Arsenal.

Announcement to this effect has been made by Lyle Toepke, land management specialist attached to the staff of the U. S. Army Engineer District, Chicago, which has responsibility for leasing the property under provisions established by the Department of Defense.

Toepke explained that the government's interest in leasing the property is to cut down maintenance costs on land being retained for defense purposes and, at the same time, to make the land available for profitable use by farmers residing in the area.

Approximately 7,000 acres, on which leases are now expiring, are now available for use for periods of 5 and 10 years. In addition to the 7,000 acres, approximately 17,000 acres of arsenal property are now under leasing arrangement, Toepke said.

Speakers at the meeting Jan. 19 will include G. R. Carlisle and W. O. Scott, both of whom are faculty members of the University of Illinois. The former, who is extension specialist in animal science, will discuss a profitable beef cattle program on land such as that now being made available.

Scott, who is extension

specialist in the Agronomy department, will discuss pasture management, methods of seeding, fertilizing, and weed control. A. A. Wicklein, Will county farm adviser, assisted in the development of the program.

Representing the Army Corps of Engineers, Toepke will preside at the meeting and will explain procedures and purposes of the Army's agricultural outleasing program. Representatives of Joliet Arsenal also will be present at the meeting to discuss plant regulations.

All farmers interested in grazing land are invited to attend. Those attending are requested to report at the main gate of Joliet Arsenal, which is located about 12 miles south of Joliet, and they will be directed to the meeting hall.